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**DOJ/FTC HEARINGS ON HEALTH CARE
AND COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY**

*Agenda for September 24-26, 2003
and September 30 – October 1, 2003 Sessions*

The Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission today released a detailed agenda for the final sessions of their joint hearings on health care and competition law and policy to be held September 24-26, 2003 and September 30 - October 1, 2003. These hearings will be held at the FTC Conference Center at 601 New Jersey Ave, N.W. Washington D.C. The morning sessions will begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m. The afternoon sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at approximately 5:00 p.m.

| Date | Morning Session Topic | Afternoon Session Topic |
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| September 24 | Physician Product and Geographic Market Definition | Physician Information Sharing |
| September 25 | Physician IPAs: Patterns and Benefits of Integration | Physician IPAs: Messenger Model |
| September 26 | Physician Unionization | Group Purchasing Organizations |
| September 30 | International Perspectives on Health Care and Competition Law and Policy | Medicare and Medicaid |
| October 1 | Remedies: Civil/Criminal | |

As noted in the *Federal Register* notice announcing this event, any interested person may submit written comments responsive to any of the topics to be addressed. Comments directed at a particular subject considered during a particular session of hearings must be submitted no later than 45 days after the date of that specific hearing session. Comments on broader subjects within the general scope of the hearings may be submitted at any time after the publication of this notice, but no later than November 28, 2003.

Written comments should be submitted in both hard copy and electronic form. Six hard copies of each submission should be addressed to Donald S. Clark, Office of the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. Submissions should be captioned: "Comments Regarding Hearings on Health Care and Competition Law and Policy." Electronic submissions may be sent by electronic mail to healthcare@ftc.gov. Alternatively, electronic submissions may be filed on a 3-1/2 inch computer disk with a label stating the name of the submitter and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document.

Information about the health care hearings is available on the websites for the hearings, <http://www.usdoj.gov/atr/hchearing.htm> and <http://www.ftc.gov/ogc/healthcarehearings/>, and from the FTC's Consumer Response Center, Room 130, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

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